

THE CRESCENT CITY NEWS.

Crescent City

is one of the most beautiful locations in Florida. The town is in the southeastern part of Putnam county, 35 miles from Palatka, and is reached by either steam or railroad. Crescent City lies on high ground which rises gradually from the west bank of Crescent Lake, a beautiful sheet of water 20 miles in length and from three to five miles in width. The place is well laid out in town and grove lots, the former constituting a portion of the town but six blocks in width lying between two lakes—lake Crescent on the east and lake Stella on the west. The elevation of lake Stella is 45 feet higher than that of lake Crescent—thus affording perfect drainage. The water of lake Stella has its source in spring and is kept absolutely pure by the town authorities who have made it a misdemeanor to in any way contaminate it. The Plant System Railway branches the west bank of lake Stella two miles from the town and a little station conveys passengers and freight to and from the town and Crescent City Junction, the railway station.

The trip by steamer from Palatka or Jacksonville is one of the most delightful water rides in the whole country, and the passenger who takes this trip is held entranced from start to finish. At a point nine miles south of Palatka, the steamer leaves the St. Johns and enters deep water, a rather narrow but tortuous stream lined on either side by a thick growth of cypress, ash and palmetto—a veritable forest frequent and there is a constant change of water in sight. After nine miles of travel through this beautiful lake, the steamer emerges into the broad and beautiful lake Crescent, a distance of an hour and a half lands the passenger at Crescent City, the steamer's southernmost landing. The boat leaves Jacksonville at 8 a. m. every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; Palatka at 11 a. m. and Jacksonville at 4 p. m. No person ever took the steamer Crescent for Crescent City without experiencing new sensations and pleasures. The steamer, the little city makes any man or woman a life-long lover of the place.

In the town, there are some of the most beautiful homes to be found in the state and the people are cultured and prosperous. There is a good school, two churches, a hospital and a fine hotel, and two good hotels, besides pleasant private places where board can be obtained. The prices of the hotels are moderate. The people have provided well kept golf links for the entertainment of those who like this amusement.

Crescent City has more orange groves than any other town in the county. Orange culture is the leading occupation of the people and the quality of this fruit has long been regarded as superior to that grown in any other section of the state. Almost every citizen in the place has a well-kept grove, many of which cover five to ten acres. The groves are well cared for and the fruit is of the highest quality. The groves of Crescent City are well known and they show the quality of goods which would do credit to many of the larger cities of the state. The prices are cheaper than almost any other town in the state.

Parties in Crescent City desiring to subscribe for this paper or wishing to renew their subscriptions, may leave their names and money with Mr. E. D. Lott, the postoffice, who is our authorized agent.

Personal and Social.

The May Haw was in port on Monday.

Mr. A. B. Torrey is setting out an acre in peaches.

Miss Dutcher of Rome, N. Y. was a guest at Crescent Inn last week.

Mrs. Jenny Colby and little boy, from Jamestown, N. Y. are at Crescent Inn.

Miss Hutchinson spent Sunday at Satusama Heights, the guest of Miss Carrie Hodges.

E. H. Colby and wife of Adam's Basin, N. Y. were among the arrivals at Crescent Inn last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCandless have gone to Bradenton for the remainder of the season.

Mrs. Augur, late of Jamaica, was here over Sunday on a visit to her sister Miss Alice Whitman.

Mr. Edw. Gilbert is having a new kind of roof put on his cottage. The roof is of cement laid over mesh wire.

W. B. Cravath and wife, of New York, are enjoying a few days out at Grove Hall, visiting Mrs. W. D. Williams.

Messrs. Marsh and Pulver of Grove Hall visited Palatka on Monday and were quite favorably impressed with the county town.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul N. Goodrich, guests at Grove Hall, caught 27 fish in Crescent lake as the result of one days sport, last week.

Paul C. Goodrich and wife of Boston terminated their visit here last week, and will pass the remainder of the winter at Daytona.

Miss Icehour, of Columbiana, Ohio, is here as the guest of her brother, Mr. J. A. Icehour. Miss Icehour expects to remain several months.

The Discipline Club, under the management of Mrs. J. W. Miller, is rehearsing for an entertainment to be given in Chamberlin's hall on the evening of February 22d.

Mrs. C. N. Carter and Miss M. M. Bidwell, of Glastonbury, Conn., arrived Saturday evening for a stop at Grove Hall. Miss Bidwell owns a cottage at Huntington and is pleasantly remembered by many of our people.

Mrs. Henry Weaver and daughter spent Tuesday in Palatka, whither they went to visit Mrs. Weaver's brother who is a member of the New England Company, which has an engagement to entertain a house in that city on Tuesday evening.

One of the most unfortunate circumstances in connection with the present winter is the fact that there seems to be no small steamer here which hotel guests and other visitors can use in making an excursion to Haw Creek.

Fred Hubbard is again in Crescent City after an absence of several years. Mr. Hubbard is now a ranchman in the mountains of East Tennessee, and he looks as if the life agreed with him perfectly. He is the guest of Mrs. Collins B. Hubbard at Lisano.

Allan B. Maull terminated his visit to his parents on Wednesday last, on which day he left for Baltimore. This was his first visit home in six years, and his coming afforded great pleasure not only to his parents but to his host of former friends and acquaintances.

Mrs. G. H. Harris of Kenton, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Roser, of the same place, and Mrs. E. A. Roser, of Chicago, who were guests at Grove Hall for three weeks terminated their visit on Thursday last and left for Port Orange where they expect to spend a couple of weeks or returning to their northern homes. They seemed well pleased with Crescent City and left under promise of returning at some future time, a promise which all who met them trust will be carried out.

WOMAN'S CLUBS.

SOMETHING OF THE WORK THEY ARE DOING IN THE STATE

The Annual Convention of the State Federation.

The seventh annual session of the State Federation of Women's clubs was held in Crescent City on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Delegates were present from eleven of the state clubs, viz: Ormond, Green Cove Springs, Crescent City, Orange City, Tarpon Springs, Fairfield (Jacksonville), Daytona, Rockledge, Jacksonville, Palatka and Coconut Grove.

The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning by the president, Mrs. W. W. Cummer, of Jacksonville, and was organized by the appointment of Mrs. Frederic Cochran, of Palatka as secretary pro tem, and Mrs. E. G. G. Munsell, of Green Cove Springs as auditor pro tem.

A cordial address of welcome to the delegates and officers was given by Mrs. F. M. Payson president of the Crescent City club, which was responded to by Mrs. Cummer, of the Federation.

Then followed the annual reports of officers, together with that of committees.

The annual address of the president was a thoughtfully prepared paper on the work of the Federation for the past year together with its aims for the future. We can only give space to a few of the points made in this address, which was listened to with the closest attention. Here are some of the best paragraphs:

"What is the federation for and what are its objects?"

"One of the objects of the State Federation of Women's Clubs is to bring into communication with one another the various women's clubs throughout the state, that they may compare methods of work, and become mutually helpful, and through the federation, grow to be a united power in all necessary reforms and in work for humanity."

"The highest duty of a woman is to be a good citizen. It is the sharing of the best you have among members of the same club and among the clubs in the state—it is the sifting out of the very best from the experience of all, for the benefit of all, in thought, in method, in material, in everything."

"You will be interested in the chairman's report on social purity. While some things have been accomplished in the right direction, let us not be satisfied with present results. We must still work for the protection of our girls. Many of these girls will be mothers of the future generation. What is greatly needed in our state is an institution where girls without parents or good home influence can be placed and trained to be useful women. I do not mean a reform school, but an institution that takes a girl before she has tasted of crime or sin, and makes her realize what a pure, useful life means."

"This will never be brought about by men; it is the work of Christian women. We who are mothers realize how our own daughters, at a certain school girl age, love to go out and have a good time. Full of young life, they see no harm in many things that in themselves are perfectly harmless, but that may lead to dangerous paths."

"Can we wonder, then, that young girls without homes and parents are often led to do things that wreck their lives?"

"It is reported that the work of protecting our native birds is progressing in a very satisfactory manner. The societies throughout the country are doing a good work in educating the public; the department of agriculture is assisting by free distribution of pamphlets on this matter. But the work of education must go on until bird life is safe."

"Now, we have come to the keynote of all our work—education—and we must begin with the child. I am interested in Sabbath school work, and have been all my life. Yet I believe that the kindergarten can do more for the child than the Sunday school. Every day in the morning circle the child is brought nearer to

God. No matter how poor or rich a home he comes from, whether he has been taught to pray at a mother's knee or not, in the true kindergarten he is made to realize that he belongs to God, and that God loves and cares for all; that everything in nature, plants, flowers, trees all, are cared for by his divine hand. The child is taught to love all these, to be kind and thoughtful of others, to exercise self control, unselfishness; to give willingly, and all the attributes of character that mould and shape his little life. Five days in the week this is instilled into his little mind in a clear, sweet childish way, that he can comprehend. The priest said, 'Give me a child until he is seven, and I care not what you do with him then.'

"Early education and impressions are lasting. The child is named and you reach the home and parent, and we cannot tell how far this influence may reach or the good we may accomplish."

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING.

"Many of the state federations are asking for compulsory education and manual training in the schools. The latter must be brought about by educating public sentiment. For the majority of children, especially boys, there is no school life after fourteen years of age. Many children leave school for lack of interest in the purely educational course which alone is offered."

"There are many boys and girls attending our public schools who will end their school days there, and after that engage in work for their living. Some spend months of study in France, Germany and other branches that they will never use in after life. I believe that this higher education is right and that the very best should be taught in our public schools, but I plead for the boy who will have to make his way in the world—he should have the opportunity of receiving a good practical education."

"Instead of working all head and no hands, let us have the child using both head and hands in every grade from kindergarten to high school. If the public schools turn out youths with trained hands and trained judgment, the danger of multiplying criminal casts will be reduced. The nation will be what the children make it, and it will be largely what the schools make them."

"The public school is second only to the home in its influence upon individual and national life."

"The higher education of women in the twentieth century is a great necessity, and we must begin with the child."

"The Woman's Club has been an important educational element, for it has enabled women to continue their education and to turn into action the knowledge acquired. It is impossible, however, to weigh the value of club life, and each member must draw her own conclusions as to its worth to herself."

"The cultivation of all the virtues that ennoble life is to a great extent in the hands of the women in our homes and schools. In these important positions as mothers and teachers, the women of today and those who will follow after will give their greatest influence."

"In conclusion, I thank you for the many kind words and courtesies extended to me, and trust that we may have a profitable gathering and a successful club year."

The report of the educational committee contained some pointed paragraphs, as follows: "If intelligent citizens could be induced to investigate the present conditions, they would be surprised to find how little Florida is actually doing for her public schools, in comparison with other states. These conditions are serious, and the women of Florida can no longer remain apathetic, for our state superintendent says, and the teachers of Florida know, that the public schools have reached the limit of their growth, unless more funds can be obtained. . . . Legislation will be necessary before increased taxation for school purposes can be imposed. Here is work for woman's club. . . . Later on we hope that there will be women on every school board in the state."

Mrs. Hill, chairman of Orange City reported that her committee on social purity, with the co-operation of physicians throughout the state, had succeeded in having passed by the legislature of 1901 the amendment to section 2088, which raises the age of protection to girls to eighteen years. The amendment was approved by the legislature on the last day of its session. The report was received by the convention with a vote of thanks to the untiring chairman of the committee.

Delegates from the various clubs made report of work done in their various communities.

On Thursday morning an open discussion was held on the benefit club women might derive from a study of household economies and child study, and it was decided that each club belonging to the Federation should appoint a committee to promote interest in these subjects.

Delegates were elected to attend the meeting of the federal federation to be held in Los Angeles, Cal., in May, as follows: Miss Thorpe of Daytona, Mrs. W. W. Cummer and Mrs. Lawrence Haynes, of Jacksonville. Request the News to announce that a general invitation is extended to all.

Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Nichols of Ann Arbor, Mich., spent last week at Crescent Inn, and left on Monday for Como, where the doctor expects to enjoy himself fishing and hunting. Dr. Nichols has not visited Crescent City since the winter of 1892, and he confesses to some changes. He states that his most pleasant recollection of his visit here 20 years ago, is centered in a stage party given that winter to the gentlemen from Michigan by the late Judge Jared Patchen, the founder of the place.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Barker of Pelham, N. Y., are scheduled to arrive here this week, and it is understood they have secured quarters at Crescent Inn. Mr. and Mrs. Barker have been coming to Crescent City many years and have a high place in the esteem of our people. Mr. Barker is a wealthy capitalist of his New York home town, and he has planted many a dollar of his home gains in Crescent City property. He will return to his home before many years with us. Up to the present time, like the rest of us, he hasn't been able to get ordinary simple interest. His grove property northwest of the city is in an advanced state of cultivation and had a fair crop this winter.

THE DELEGATES LEFT ON THE STEAMER CRESCENT FRIDAY MORNING FOR THEIR VARIOUS HOMES.

The following is a list of officers and delegates present and their places of entertainment:

Mrs. Mattie McNeil and Miss Watson, of Ormond, Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Shaw of Daytona, at Mrs. F. S. Cone's.

Mrs. F. Cochran, Miss Celeste McGregor of Palatka, Miss Livermore and Mrs. Warren of Green Cove Springs, at Mrs. J. A. Close's.

Mrs. W. W. Cummer and Mrs. Lawrence Haynes of Jacksonville, at Mrs. V. A. Russell's.

Mrs. N. C. Wamboldt, Mrs. Reichart of Fairfield (Jacksonville), at Mrs. Lyon's.

Miss Thorpe, Mrs. C. B. Smith of Jacksonville, Mrs. E. G. G. Munsell and Mrs. E. V. Lowe of Green Cove Springs, at Mrs. W. C. Norton's.

Mrs. C. A. Green and Mrs. John A. Crosby of San Mateo, at Mrs. F. M. Payson's.

Mrs. B. N. Bradt and Mrs. A. W. Underwood of Como, at Mrs. A. B. Torrey's.

His Creed.

A gentleman handed the News a bit of well-thumbed card board the other day on which was printed the following paragraph entitled "My Creed." We do not remember who was the author—it makes little difference for it is "good stuff" and we print it as per request. It is as follows:

"Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their hearts can hear them, and while their hearts can be cheered and made happier by them. The kind thing you mean to say when they are gone say before they go; the flowers you mean to send to their coffins, send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them. If my friends have alabaster boxes laid away full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection, I intend to break over my dead body. I would rather they would bring them out in my weary and troubled hours and open them, that I may be refreshed and cheered by them while I lived them. I would rather have a plain coffin without a flower, a funeral without an eulogy, than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy. Let us learn to anoint our friends beforehand for their burial. Post mortem kindness does not cheer the troubled spirit. Flowers on the coffin cast no fragrance backward over life's weary way."

COMO.

A very enjoyable entertainment was given by the Como Knights of Sunshine in the V. I. A. Hall on Friday evening of last week. The hall was well filled and the children, the graminophone and the audience were all happy. The recitation by Miss Phoebe Palmer, Miss Victoria Babers, Miss Lella Prior, Masters Lyon Chamberlain, Jimmie Miller, Felix Haymart were excellent. Misses Babers and Palmer being especially good, while Rollo Belknap made a hit with "How Lyndon wanted his hair cut." Every picture was received with well merited applause. Mrs. O. B. Robinson recited "The Last Hymn" with dramatic force. The entertainment was opened by the graminophone with "Blue Danube" and the bugle sounding the assembly the children promptly took their places. The recitation by Miss Phoebe Palmer, Miss Victoria Babers, Miss Lella Prior, Masters Lyon Chamberlain, Jimmie Miller, Felix Haymart were excellent. 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